Strengthening of PDS

1625. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the action taken by Government to Strengthen the Public Distribution System since January, 1992;

(b) whether any action has been taken to elimina'e ghost units/bogus ration card holders;

(c) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(d) the details of the existing machinery to ensure that quality goods are distributed through the Public Distribution System ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) The Central Government, in consultation with the State Governments identified about 1700 blocks covered by various area specific programmes to improve the reach of the Public Distribution System (PDS). The Prime Minister formally launched the scheme on 1-1-92 at Barmer in Rajasthan. The State Governments/UT Administrations were requested to take action on various points which included opening of additional fair price shops in areas unserved or underserved; issue additional ration cards to ensure full coverage; elimination of bogus ration cards/units; creation hiring of additional storage capacity; arrangements for delivery of PDS commodities at the doorsteps of the fair price shops, setting up of village/fair price shops level Vigilance Committees for monitoring supply and availability of essential commodities and distribution of additional items of mass consumption such as iodised salt, soaps, tea and pulses. As reported by the State Governments/UT Administrations till 15-11-92, about 82 lakhs bogus cards are reported to have been eliminated. A statement showing the bogus cards eliminated as reported by the State Governments/UT Administrations is given in the Statement *(See below)*

The enforcement of Essential Commodities Act and similar other legislations is done by the State Governments/UT Administrations, which include supervision of supply and distribution of foodgrains; issue of quality foodgrains through PDS and curbing unfair trade practices indulged in by traders. The officials of the State Governments/UT Administrations undertake regular visits and surprise checks on fair price shops as part of their administrative duties.

Statement

Bogus Cards/Units eliminated as reported by the States and U Ts as per reports received upto 15-11-1992

Sl. No	State/U T	Bogus Cards units eliminated
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	107907
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	8946
3.	Assam	62186
4.	Bihar	535365
5.	Gujarat	385764
6.	Haryana	20000
7.	Himachal Pradesh	20695
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil
9.	Karnatak	4173
10.	Kerala	12122
11.	Madhya Pradesh	706843

1	2	3
12.	Maharashtra	1200000
13.	Manipur	Nil
14.	Meghalaya	Nil
15.	Mizoram	3510
16.	Nagaland	Nil
17.	Orissa	8608
18.	Rajasthan	11766
19.	Sikkim	207
20.	Tamil Nadu	347545
21.	Tripura	80
22.	Uttar Pradesh	4781876
23.	West Bengal	34222
24.	A & N Islands	4374
25.	D & N Haveli	15
26.	Daman & Diu	Nil
27.	Lakshadweep	Nil
	Total	8256205

Dual Pricing system in Super Bazar

1626. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: :

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the dual pricing system of the Super Bazar i.e. prices shown in the rate list and actually charged from the consumers; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to check that the dual pricing system in the Super Bazar does not result into exploitation of the consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) No Sir, Prices are being charged by Super Bazar as per the rate list displayed in the branch and printed on the packets. According to pricing policy of Super Bazar the packaging and pricing of the commodities like pulses and spices procured from the market is done by lots. Every lot will be sold at the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) marked thereon. The Super Bazar has also issued instructions to their branches to ensure that prices being charged are as per the rate list displayed and printed on the packs.

Implementation of Consumer Protection Act in Delhi

1627. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the enforcement of the Consumer Protection Act has not been effective in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to effectively implement the Act ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the Union Territory of Delhi, one State Commission and 2 District Forums have been set up for redressal of consumer grievances. The Delhi Consu-